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TAGS: PFOR KS KN UN SL

SUBJECT: GOSL POSITION ON KOREAN MATTERS

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1. DURING AUG 19 CALL ON FONMIN MINAH, I EXPLAINED MY SURPRISE AT GOSL'S CO-SPONSORING NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AT UNGA. I HAD ASSUMED FROM STATED GOSL POLICY ON KOREAS AND SPECIFIC INDICATIONS TO ME FROM PRESIDENT STEVENS AND OTHERS THAT GOSL WANTED TO GIVE CREDENCE TO ITS BEING TRULY NON-ALIGNED, ESPECIALLY ON AN ISSUE SUCH AS THIS. IN FACT, GOSL CALL FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION FIT EXACTLY INTO THE APPROACH WE WERE MAKING, WHICH ITSELF WAS IN DIRECT LINE WITH KOREAN RESOLUTION PASSED AT 29TH UNGA. FOR THIS REASON I HAD REQUESTED THAT USG ALLOW ME TO INVITE GOSL TO CO-SPONSOR OUR RESOLUTION, AND I DID SO REQUEST.

2. MINAH SAID GOSL HAD NO CO-SPONSORED NORTH  
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KOREAN RESOLUTION. THERE HAD BEEN NO INSTRUCTIONS

TO SL PERMANENT MISSION TO DO SO. FROM ACCOUNT RECEIVED THROUGH SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY HERE, GOSL SIGNATURE WAS PUT ONTO FRENCH LANGUAGE DRAFT DESCRIBED AS QUOTE AGENDA ITEM UNQUOTE. GOSL REP UNAWARE OF SPECIFICS OF WHAT HE SIGNED, BECAUSE HE DOES NOT READ FRENCH, AND HAD NO IDEA ITEM CONTAINED DRAFT RESOLUTION. GOSL POSITION INTENDED TO BE EVEN-HANDED. GOSL PERM REP BLYDEN HAD LEFT FREETOWN FOR NEW YORK EARLIER IN THE DAY AND WOULD SORT SITUATION OUT. MINAH HAD DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN SPITE OF WHAT INTENDED IN FREETOWN, GOSL IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE CO-SPONSORED HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

3. I REITERATED DESIRE OF USG THAT GOSL CO-SPONSOR OUR RESOLUTION. MINAH, WHO LEAVING FREETOWN FRIDAY FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, SAID HE WOULD LEAVE MATTER IN HANDS OF ACTING FONMIN WHO WOULD BRING OUR REQUEST BEFORE CABINET NEXT WEEK SO THAT FINAL GOSL DECISION BE COMMUNICATED TO HIM AT ARRIVAL FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. SOUTH KOREAN AMB LEE SAW FONMIN TWICE AUG 19, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER ME. (HE HAS BEEN DOGGEDLY PURSUING ROK INTERESTS HERE.) LEE REPORTS THAT MINAH CONTINUED TO SHOW SYMPATHY FOR SOUTH KOREAN POSITION AND HAD TAKEN SERIOUSLY MY EARLIER REQUEST THAT GOSL CO-SPONSOR OUR RESOLUTION. FYI LEE HAS INVITED MINAH TO VISIT SOUTH KOREAN SOON AND THINKS MINAH ANXIOUS TO ACCEPT IF PRESIDENT STEVENS ALLOWS HIM. MINAH WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT SIMILAR NORTH KOREAN INVITATION AND VISIT BOTH KOREAS AT ONCE. END FYI.

5. AFTER EARLIER DISCUSSION AUG 20 DURING WHICH WE AGREED THAT FURTHER APPROACHES BY US ON KOREA NOT LIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WATT UNCOVERED MISPLACED JULY 29 INSTRUCTION FROM FCO THAT HE SEEK GOSL CO-SPONSORSHIP OUR RESOLUTION. ARMED WITH THOSE INSTRUCTIONS, HE WILL OFFICIALLY REPEAT MY REQUEST OF YESTERDAY PRIOR TO MINAH'S FRIDAY DEPARTURE FOR LIMA.  
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6. AT LIMA, GOSL LIKELY SUPPORT ADMISSION BOTH KOREAS AND EITHER NOT SPEAK AT ALL OR SPEAK IN FAVOR OF EVEN-HANDED ACTIONS.

7. COMMENT: LOCAL SCENE HAS BEEN SATURATED WITH KOREAN ISSUE AND KOREAS FOR LAST FIVE MONTHS, AND A CERTAIN IMPATIENCE IS EMITTED EVERY TIME KOREAN

MATTER ARISES. BELIEVE WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT  
IMPATIENCE NOT BE TURNED TO OUR DISADVANTAGE.  
END COMMENT.  
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